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Weekly War News Digest

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

LIBERAL GERMAN PRESS DENOUNCES PAN GERMAN AIMS

A radio message from Lyons, France, to the Committee on Public Information quotes an editorial from the Frankfurter Zeitung of December 8. The Frankfurter Zeitung is a liberal organ with a large circulation throughout the German Empire. It is quoted as saying:

"The German people desire in no sense whatever that the opportunity presented by the favorable situation on the east front should be used for realizing on the west front the vain dreams of the annexationist fanatics of Pan Germanism."

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAG COAL SHOVELS JANUARY THIRTY

The Fuel Administration expects school children throughout the country to do the tagging work on "Tag-Your-Shovel-Day," which has been set for January 30, planning to make it a school holiday. In this extra effort to save coal for war purposes the Fuel Administration will try to get a tag on every coal shovel in the country. On the face of each tag are the words: "Save that shovelful of coal a day for Uncle Sam." On the reverse side are hints for saving coal.

VARIOUS MATERIALS USED TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR FIGHTING MEN

Raw materials of various kinds are needed for the equipment of United States troops. Jute, fur, silk and linen all find their way into the uniform of an infantryman, in addition to the wool and cotton which are used in greater quantities.

A half ounce of silk is used in the standard yellow gloves and a

slightly larger quantity in the riding gloves. Silk is also found in the service hat and undershirt. Linen enters the equipment list in only one article, the shelter tent. Jute is used in breeches, coat and overcoat; fur in the service hat.

Mussel pearl, ivory nut and bone form the buttons on different articles of the uniform. Aluminum is used in the bayonet scabbard, canteen, cup, knife and meat can. In the slicker are nine and a half ounces of rubber.

Horseshide and leather, wood, iron, steel, bronze, brass, zinc, copper, tin and lead are used in various articles.

EXAMINERS FIND BUT FIFTEEN PER CENT OF MEN WEAR SHOES THAT FIT

Figures from examinations made by army and civilian shoe experts at army camps show that only about 15 per cent of the men wear shoes which fit properly. Of the several groups of men examined 28 per cent wore shoes one-half size short, 26 per cent wore shoes a full size short, and 8 per cent wore shoes two sizes short. Reports ascribe the high proportion of misfits to the inclination of men to choose shoes too small, faults of method and supervision of fitting, insufficient numbers of larger and narrower sizes, and incorrect marking of sizes by manufacturers.

An embargo has been placed on the exportation of butter, except to nations associated with the United States in war.

The Federal Trade Commission has granted to three American firms licenses to manufacture and sell two drugs which heretofore have been controlled by enemy aliens under American patents.

Satan Tenders His Resignation.

The following interesting epistle from his Satanic Majesty to the Kaiser has been handed us for publication, clipped from the Morning Herald, Gloversville and Johnstown, N. Y.

Ottumwa, Iowa.

The Infernal Region.

To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of All Germany and Envoy Extraordinary of Almighty God:

My Dear Wilhelm:

I can call you by that familiar name for I have always been very close to you, much closer than you could ever know. From the time that you were yet an undeveloped being in your mother's womb I have shaped your destiny for my own purpose.

In the days of Rome I created a roughneck known in history as Nero; he was a vulgar character and suited my purpose at that particular time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient super-criminal was needed,

her rule wild tribes become tillers of the soil and in due time practical citizens; she is the great civilizer of the globe and I HATE HER. I planted in your soul a cruel hatred of your mother because she was English and left my good friend Bismarck to fan the flame I had kindled. Recent history proves how well our work was done. It broke your royal mother's heart, but I gained my purpose.

The inherited disease of the Hohenzollerns killed your father, just as it will kill you and you became the ruler of Germany and a tool of mine sooner than I expected.

To assist you and farther hasten my work, I sent you three evil spirits, Neitzsche, Treitsche and later Bernhardt, whose teaching inflamed the youths of Germany who in good time would be willing and loyal subjects and eager to spill their blood and pull your chestnuts, yours and mine;

the spell has been perfect—you cast your ambitious eyes toward the Mediterranean, Egypt, India and the Dardanelles and you began your great trailway to Bagdad, but the ambitious archduke and his more ambitious wife stood in your way. It was then that I sowed the seed in your heart that blossomed into the assassination of the duke and his wife, and all hell smiled when it saw how cleverly you saddled the crime onto Serbia. I saw you set sail for the fjords of Norway and I knew you would prove an alibi. How cleverly done, so much like your noble grandfather, who also secured an assassin to remove old King Frederick, of Denmark, and later robbed that country of two more provinces that gave Germany an opportunity to become a naval power. Murder is dirty work, but it takes a Hohenzollern to make a way and get by.

Your opportunity was at hand; you set the world on fire and bells of hell were ringing; your rape on Belgium caused much joy. It was the beginning, the foundation of a perfect hell on earth, the destruction of noble cathedrals and other infinite works of art was filled with joy in the infernal regions. You made war on friends and foe alike, and the murder of civilians showed my teachings had borne fruit. Your treachery toward neutral nations hastened a universal upheaval, the thing I most desired. Your under-sea warfare is a master stroke, from the smallest mackerel to the great Lusitania you show no favorites; as a war lord you stand supreme, for you have no mercy; you have no consideration for the baby clinging to its mother's breasts as they both go down into the deep together, only to be torn apart and leisurely devoured by sharks down among the corals.

I have stalked over the battle fields of Belgium and France. I have seen your hand of destruction everywhere; it's all your work, superfluous that I made you.

I have seen the fields of Poland; now a wilderness fit for prowling beast only; no merry children in Poland now; they all succumbed to frost and starvation. I drifted down into Galicia where formerly Jews and Gentiles lived happily together; I found but ruins and ashes; I felt curious pride in my pupil, for it was all above expectations. I was in Belgium when you drove the peaceful population before you like cattle into slavery; you separated man and wife and forced them to hard labor in trenches. I have seen the most fiendish rape committed on young women, and those who were forced in maternity were cursing the father of their offspring and I began to doubt if my own inferno was really up to date.

You have taken millions of dollars from innocent victims and called it indemnity; you have lived fat on the land you usurped and sent the real owners away to starvation. You have strayed away from all legalized war methods and introduced a code of your own. You have killed and robbed the people of friendly nations and destroyed their property. You are a liar, a hypocrite and a bluffer of the highest magnitude. You are a part of mine and yet you pose as a personal friend of God. Ah, Wilhelm, you are a wonder. You wantonly destroy all things in your path and leave nothing for coming generations.

I was amazed when I saw you form a partnership with the impossible Turk, the chronic killer of Christians, and you a devout worshipper in the Lutheran church. I confess, Wilhelm, you are a puzzle at times. A Mohammedan army, commanded by German officers, assisting one another in massacring Christians, is a new line of warfare. When a Prussian officer can witness a nude woman being disemboweled by a swarthy Turk, committing a double murder with one cut of his saber and calmly stand by and see a house full of innocent Armenians looked up, the house saturated with oil and fired, then my teachings did not stop with you, but have been extended to the whole German nation.

I confess my Satanic soul grew sick, and there and then I knew the pupil had become the master. I am a back number, and my dear Wilhelm, I abdicate in your favor. The great key of hell will be turned over to you. The gavel that has struck the doom of damned souls since time began is yours. I am satisfied with what I have done; that my abdication in your favor is for the very best interests of hell—in the future I am at your majesty's service.

LUGIFER H. SATAN.

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Burials Made in Greenville Cemetery in 1917.

Sept. 1. N. Smith, of the Greenville Cemetery, has made his annual report of burials in this cemetery, showing 122 burials in the year 1917. Of this number nine were veterans of the Civil War and each year notes an increasing number of deaths of ex-soldiers.

During Mr. Smith's superintendency which dates from April 1st, 1904, 3237 burials have been made in the Greenville Cemetery. The names, ages and dates of burial for 1917 are as follows:

January.
Mary A. Mansfield, (mausoleum), 51 years, January 1st.
Russell Wion, 16 years, Jan. 3d.
Warren Ratliff, ex-soldier, 79 years, Jan. 6th.
David Ratliff, ex-soldier, 85 years, Jan. 9th.
Mabel M. Crawford, 17 years, Jan. 14th.
Isaac Zellers, 73 years, Jan. 15th.
Dorothy Pauline Thompson, 1 year, Jan. 17th.
Albert Tombers, ex-soldier, 84 years, Jan. 18th.
John A. Martin, 46 years, Jan. 28th.
Elizabeth Deambrosio, 86 years, Jan. 29th.
Geo. B. Dively, 68 years, Jan. 29th.

February.
Alonso V. Jones, 59 years, Feb. 7th.
Mary McNeil, 73 years, Feb. 8th.
Thilo Stiles, 46 years, Feb. 9th.
Alice M. Fleming, 61 years, Feb. 10th.
Caroline Reese, 65 years, Feb. 10th.
Henry M. Banta, 76 years, Feb. 12th.

Mary Eva Hunt, 62 years, Feb. 12th.
Frank Ware, 72 years, Feb. 14th.
Jane M. Drake, 57 years, Feb. 16th.
Daniel Wagner, 77 years, Feb. 17th.
Mailla Bell Lantz, 55 years, Feb. 21st.
James Franklin Lantz, 64 years, Feb. 28th.
Geo. F. Lyons, 63 years, Feb. 28th.

March.
Amanda Bell Miller, 75 years, Mar. 1st.
Dr. L. G. Dills, ex-soldier, 78 years, March 3d.
Susan Harp, 79 years, March 17th.
Corbett Marker, 1 year, March 22d.
Child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wetzel, stillborn, March 22d.
Frank Murphy, ex-soldier, 76 years, March 26th.
Mary M. Martin, 82 years, March 26th.

David Mong, 78 years, March 29th.
Harriet Isabelle Turner, 79 years, March 29th.
April.
Onna Mariah Buchy, 67 years, April 4th.
H. B. Halderman, 62 years, April 5th.
Rebecca A. Scott, 70 years, April 6th.

Mattie Shaw, stillborn, April 9th.
Anna C. Clark, 56 years, April 19th.
Ezra Post, 72 years, April 20th.
Aaron Wilson Arnold, ex-soldier, 77 years, April 23d.
Wm. Webber, 72 years, April 30th.
Emma J. Guelthiel, 49 years, April 30th.

May.
Chas. Morningstar, removal, 3 years, May 6th.
Lydia I. Harter, mausoleum, 52 years, May 6th.
Lewis Philip Newbauer, 79 years, May 6th.
Sarah Hindman, May 11th.

Wm. Hideson, 50 years, May 15th.
Mary M. Laffer, 78 years, May 16th.
Joseph Peter Lecklider, 68 years, May 18th.
Henry M. Bickel, 86 years, May 23d.
Edwin Henry Wright, ex-soldier, 76 years, May 24th.

Elizabeth A. Stephens, 49 years, May 24th.
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John C. Schus, 72 years, May 25th.
Freemont J. Hartle, 61 years, May 25th.

J. C. King, 75 years, May 25th.
Mary Catharine Knoll, 52 years, May 26th.
Allen T. Miller, ex-soldier, 75 years, May 29th.
Mary Miller, 86 years, May 29th.
Mary E. Wooten, 55 years, May 31st.

June.
Sarah A. Dittman, 77 years, June 1st.
Alonso Furich, 38 years, June 8th.
Emma H. Moore, 73 years, June 14th.
Hazel L. Rhodes, 16 years, June 15th.

Emiline Osterman, 76 years, June 25th.
Catharine Borman Kunze, 35 years, June 26th.
Sarah Sadie Sanson, 65 years, June 27th.

July.
Francis Laurence Witters, 7 years, July 4th.
Nina Ridgencr, 69 years, July 9th.
Bell Adelle Hahne, 58 years, July 14th.
Daniel Hamilton, 62 years, July 16th.
Mary L. Knix, 81 years, July 20th.
Wm. Lindermood, 77 years, July 21st.
Wm. D. Murray, 65 years, July 22d.
Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Allen

Schultz, stillborn, July 22d.
W. B. Bruner, 73 years, July 27d.
Infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Deik, stillborn, July 28d.

August.
Ada Wilson, 19 years, Aug. 6th.
Wm. Baker, 66 years, Aug. 16th.
Mrs. Mary B. Bard, 46 years, Aug. 23d.
Chas. W. Stevens, 56 years, Aug. 25th.

Florence P. Pinger, 38 years, Aug. 31st.
Nicholas Schmalenberger, 49 years, Aug. 31st.
September.
Susie Ellen Grubbs, 29 years, Sept. 1st.

Sherman Irwin, 62 years, Sept. 4th.
Dorothy Welker, 8 months, Sept. 7th.
Hessie C. Parke, 34 years, Sept. 12th.
Paul Geo. Wagner, 33 years, Sept. 15th.

Wm. Henry Stockley, ex-soldier, 4 years, Sept. 18th.
Sarah M. Frost, 63 years, Sept. 19th.
Orvil D. Judy, 16 months, Sept. 24d.

October.
Martha Caroline Prinzing, 76 years, Sept. 24th.
Norma C. Smith, 11 years, Sept. 29th.

November.
Mary A. Rosenberger, 68 years, Oct. 5th.
Minerva A. Brown, 6 days, Oct. 6th.
Unknown infant, Oct. 10th.

David Horner, mausoleum, 73 years, Oct. 14th.
John Little, 29 years, Oct. 16th.
Julia Ann Miller, 45 years, Oct. 18th.
Nannie S. Witmer, 88 years, Oct. 23th.

December.
Augusta Urschell, 79 years, Nov. 2d.
Noah F. Landis, 61 years, Nov. 9th.
Sarah Gilbert, 59 years, Nov. 10th.
Adaline Willis, 24 years, Nov. 11th.
Sarah Ann Gaskill, 87 years, Nov. 15th.

Joseph Hufnagle, 87 years, Nov. 16th.
Jno. W. Horlacher, 67 years, Nov. 25th.
Sarah Ann Boyer, 67 years, Nov. 26th.
Samuel M. Miller, 75 years, Nov. 27th.

David Studebaker, 45 years, Nov. 27th.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE COURT.

Application filed for the appointment of an administrator of estate of Josie Niswonger.

Motion filed in Margaret Hageman estate to vacate portion of journal entry in sale of real estate.

First and final account filed in estate of Lucy E. Orndorff.

First and final account filed in guardianship of James O. Boxwell.

J. P. Niswonger was appointed administrator of estate of Josie Niswonger; bond \$2000.

Petition filed for allowance of claim against estate of Jane Dickey.

Sale of real estate confirmed and deed ordered made to purchaser in estate of W. S. Greer.

First and final account filed in estate of Abraham Weaver.

First and final account filed in estate of Clark Spencer.

Account of final distribution filed in estate of John DeCamp.

Inventory and appraisement filed in estate of J. Foster Martin.

Petition filed to sell real estate to pay debts in guardianship of Daniel Schaar.

Order of private sale of personal property returned and confirmed in estate of Thomas Marshall.

Last will of Margaret O'Connor was admitted to probate and record.

Inventory and appraisement filed in estate of Priscilla J. Weaver.

Inventory filed in guardianship of Ella Baker, also petition to mortgage ward's real estate.

Second account filed in guardianship of Gladys Jeffers.

Order of appraisement of real estate issued in guardianship of Frank Matchler.

Commission issued to take deposition of witnesses to the will of Henry Funderburgh.

Inventory and appraisement filed in estate of Sarah Boyer.

First and final account filed in estate of Thomas Marshall.

First and final account filed in estate of Albert Mansfield.

Order of private sale of real estate returned in guardianship of Edward Floyd.

Levi Minnich made application to record receipts in estate of Abraham Minnich.

Third account filed in guardianship of Andrew Stocker.

Coroner W. J. Smith filed inventory of property found on the body of Florence Yohey at inquest.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Manly Routson, 21, machinist, Piqua, O., and Mildred Cain, 18, Versailles, daughter of Harvey Cain.

Harold E. Schmidt, 22, farmer, Brown township, son of Edward Schmidt, and Nora E. Boyd, 17, Jackson township, daughter of H. M. Boyd.

Walter Howell, 32, farmer, Eldorado, son of C. E. Howell, and Hallie Harter, 27, New Madison, daughter of John A. Harter.

Jacob Temple, 33, farmer, Jackson township, son of Wm. Temple and Ethel Foreman, 18, Jackson township, daughter of John Foreman.

Adam H. Kelch, 20, yard brakeman, Patterson township, son of John A. Kelch, and Mae Boomershine, 21, Patterson township, daughter of Eli Boomershine.

Wm. E. Oier, 22, farmer, New Paris, O., and Sarah J. Broadstock, 20, Butler township, daughter of Thomas Broadstock.

Harry Loy, 20, mechanic, Brown township, son of Conrad Loy, and LaVerne Good, 19, Jackson township, daughter of Isaac Good.

Verl F. Littman, 23, auto salesman, Willow Dell, son of F. R. Littman, and Irene Milne, 21, Wayne township, daughter of Robert Milne.

Clem Neargarder, 26, farmer, Rossburg, son of Louis Neargarder.

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